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Mr. Gioia Looks to MBA's Future

by Jim Rich

In continuing MBA's ongoing changes in facilities and programs, Mr. Gioia has some definite plans about the future of MBA. Some of the long-range plans are physical changes to the campus, while others are less evident alterations in programs, curriculum and technology. As usual, the money raised from the Spaghetti supper will be used to support needed programs in all areas of the school. The Mother's Auxiliary and Mr. Gioia will be working together, with additional input from the faculty, to come up with new improvements in video, computer, and athletic equipment.

One of the

main changes to school includes the idea of reaching out to the community. The YMCA program which involves student coaching of YMCA students will be expanded to include more sports and more coaches. Other sports will include basketball, baseball, and possibly track and wrestling. Other new additions to MBA programs outside of school include the Outing Club. The club, headed by junior school enrichment teacher Mr. Harwell, has already taken 2 trips; and Mr. Gioia said he would like for MBA to eventually

purchase land for the Outing Club to take trips on. This land would also

be used for the "Time To Rise" program established by Mr. Whitfield for underprivileged kids. The "Time to Rise" program is expanding from a summer program to a full year initiative. This program, in addition to the YMCA pro-

gram, is part of MBA's effort to reach out to the community outside of MBA. In the next couple of months MBA will be making much-needed technological advancements.

There will be more laptop computers for students to check out, and more computers for the science, art, and music areas will be purchased. Mr. Gioia said he would ultimately like to see daily use of the computers in all the classrooms

by the students and the faculty.

Another new initiative is a picture book called *Roll Red Roll Call* that includes pictures of faculty, staff and students; the book came out in November and is available through the school office.

In addition to all of these new programs, Mr. Gioia said he would ultimately like to see further renovation of the MBA campus. "I think any institution, especially a school, will never stop thinking about renovation and development of programs," said Gioia. The first area of renovation will be the entrance to Tommy Owen Stadium. Please see Future



Students show their spirit for the Big Red

Clay Hamblen Named HOBY Nominee

by Lee Hampton

Clay Hamblen has been chosen to represent MBA at the 1995 Tennessee Leadership Seminar. The Seminar is sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Foundation, which was founded in 1958 in Los Angeles, California, by Hugh O'Brian. Former delegate Ted Callahan described the goal of the seminar as teaching students "not what to think, but how to

think." Each high school in the United States may send one sophomore to a free state seminar held in the early summer. Two individuals from the seminar, a boy and a girl, are chosen to attend the annual World Leadership Conference, a week-long, expense paid meeting which will be held in Washington, D.C. in 1995. At the state seminar, delegates attend workshops and

lectures given by individuals active in fields involving economics, politics, and social issues. At the 1993 Tennessee Seminar, Ted Callahan was able to interview Stacy King, a Department Manager at Castner-Knott stores who was a former Miss Louisiana candidate at the Miss America Pageant. Callahan stated that the program has an "Emphasis in getting students

to use initiative in seeing and solving problems." The sophomore delegate is a student delegated by the school as having significant leadership potential. At MBA, students must nominate themselves for the position of delegate. The faculty then vote for their top three choices from the nominees. A second vote is then taken to determine the delegate from the remaining three

candidates. Clay Hamblen was chosen after a vote which Mr. Gioia and Mrs. O'Connell, Sophomore class sponsor, described as being "extremely close." No MBA student has been a delegate to the World Leadership Conference. Hopefully, Clay will reap the benefits of this program, and strive for new levels of distinction along the way.

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WILL THE RAIN EVER STOP?

by Zack Skipper, co-captain

On the first Saturday of the month, the Varsity cross-country team ran their last race of the season, the state meet. The team finished sixth in the AAA race, its best finish since 1990!

The preparations had begun in an unlikely place. In Shorty's chair at the Belle Meade Barber Shop, one by one, they sacrificed their hair. While on Thursday of the preceding week, the squad welcomed the continuing of the reign as Region V Champions, Saturday they wanted

nothing more than the continuing rain to stop. The Big Red ran anyway, and despite the severe weather a record number of fans, faculty, and students showed their support in cheering for the "Magnificent Seven." Coach Pruitt told them ten minutes prior to the start that it would be a memorable event. Memorable it was. Mark Wycoff in his usual strategy stormed from the

back of the pack in the first mile to finish thirtieth overall. Jim Alley came in just strides be-

Each ran formidably to conclude his outstanding high school career. Zach Skipper was our

fifth man, who, like Alley, strutted to the finish line in a dazzling "kink" (last 200 meters or so of a race). Scott Bowen and Jonathan Fly rounded out the Big Red Running Machine. Each became

sick, finishing with less speed and stamina than their impressive first team All-



The Magnificent Seven Blast Off!

hind Mark. he was followed by Kenneth Pruitt and John Farringer.

Metro seasons would have suggested.

The Junior Varsity season must not go unrecognized. The J.V. team won victory after victory thanks to experienced Seniors: David Berry, Phillip Guingerich, and Joey Martinez and tremendous efforts by promising underclassmen - Collin Bonfiglio, Jon David Daniel, Phillip Zimmerman, and Stephen Marler - who will carry on the MBA Cross-Country tradition as champions. Next year's team has a great deal of sweat and hard work ahead of them.

Red Rolls Into Playoffs

by Andy Cortis

After a painful loss to the Hunter's Lane Warriors, the MBA football team knew they had to bounce back — and very quickly. With playoffs at stake, the Big Red, facing Hillwood, was in a must-win situation, for the winner would go to the playoffs.

The Hillwood game was not the match up the football players had promised the fans. One of the first offensive plays consisted of J. T. Davenport's displaying his fine speed and out-running the Hilltopper defenders with a 79 yard touchdown. The game was definitely a night of big plays. Bill Hancock's two interceptions kept the defense fired up to prevent any sign of a Hillwood come-

back. Likewise, Dave Sifford, illustrating his elusiveness, ran for a 40 yard touchdown on a reverse, keeping the offense rolling. The night ended with the hopes of playoffs becoming a reality as the Big Red romped their rivals from West Meade 33-15.

The next match-up for the Big Red was Dickson County. MBA still remembered last year's loss and payback was a necessity. Moreover, the addition of MBA football coaches Ed Caudill and Jerry Pierson provided incentive to destroy Dickson's hopes of ending their season with a win. Although their record was 1-8, Coach Bowers said that the Big Red would be facing the best 1-8

team he had ever seen. This game would be the Cougars' Super Bowl. Michael Frey provided leadership as he promised his teammates 100 yards plus before the game. This promise was fulfilled as he rushed well over 100 yards and scored a touchdown. Turnovers late in the first half proved to be Dickson's downfall. John McClendon recovered a fumble, which Monte Poe and his offense used to add to the MBA margin of victory. Poe flipped a perfect pass to Ted Morissey as MBA went up 14-0. On the following kickoff, Leland Prevost, showing great intensity, caused a fumble which Max Fuller recovered. Prevost was quoted as

saying that he not only fumbles footballs, but can also cause others to do the same here and there, too. From there, MBA added an easy touchdown.

The lead of 21-0 at halftime proved to be too much for the Cougars to handle. The win was dedicated to Coach Pierson and Coach Caudill for their enthusiasm against their own hometown boys. Last week, MBA faced its first challenge in the TSSAA playoffs, Franklin High. The team's seniors showed great leadership and the mighty Red defeated Franklin 25-7. This week MBA travels to Jackson. Be sure to plan for five weeks of playoffs, football fans.

Future . . .

A book about Mr. Owen will be published, and a major part of the proceeds will go towards financing the new semi-circular entrance which will link the Davis and Wallace buildings. These plans will include a bust of Mr. Owen sculpted by MBA graduate Alan Lequire. Mr. Gioia would also like to see renovate the science facilities and the athletic training centers. "The science area is in a facility right now that is crying for some addition," said Gioia. Although definite plans have not yet been made, they are on the mind of Mr. Gioia and the Board of Trustees. So it is apparent that the renovation of MBA is not complete, but has just begun.